



**BRIDGE OF DON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**  
**VIA ZOOM AUDIO/VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**Present:** Jane Adam, Stella Adam, Shelagh Melvin, Jennie Miller, Karen Pratt, Jackie Ross, Louise Simmons, Helen Young

**ACC Councillors:** None present

**Members of Public:** None present

**Apologies:** Isobyl McLeod, Syed Naqvi, Fran Small, Cllr Alphonse, Cllr Cross

Meeting chaired by Karen Pratt

**Minutes of 2021 AGM: Proposed Stella Adam**  
**Seconded Louise Simmons**

**Action:**

1.	<b>Attendance and Apologies</b> - as noted above	
2.	<p><b>Chairperson’s Report –</b></p> <p>A time to reflect what has been going on within the Bridge of Don Community Council over this last year. With the COVID situation continuing, gone were our face to face meetings, using ZOOM most of the time, all learning as we go. Broadband is not always our friend with time delays or connection difficulties, however we have all persevered. The dedication of our community council all of who are volunteers to keep things going has been second to none, with Stella standing in at the helm we continued on with all the good work and activities, making great use of both social media and our website, keeping the community up to date.</p> <p>The planters throughout the area, gave a splash of colour in the summer, we had some new planters built by the Men’s Shed, and these were adopted by members of the community. Tom started the community garden at Dubford and the flower baskets on the bridge were beautiful and got lots of comments. Many of you are involved with Friends of Westfield Park, lots of good work carried out here, and the wildflowers were appreciated by all. Continuing to inject colour, a couple of bulb planting sessions in different areas of the community caused a few tongues to wag “wonder what they are doing”.</p> <p>With more people taking the opportunity to walk around the community, with new areas being discovered people knew nothing about, this unfortunately causing additional maintenance requirements flagged by the Rangers Service. With Ian Talboys retiring in late summer it was wonderful to hear the good news on the SUEZ Community Trust funding application he made for the River Don Heritage Trail Interpretation Panels, being successful, with the full amount he asked for being awarded.</p> <p>As we know Bridge of Don is still growing in population, with new planning applications being submitted for both new housing and businesses. We were delighted when Gale Beattie of ACC attended one of our calls, where we were able to raise some burning issues, not sure we got all the answers we wanted, however, the door is left open to get in touch should we have any further issues with the planning team. Last week the diggers arrived at Cloverhill and the sign about the development is up. This week we will have a decision about Starbucks. Moving forward we will continue to keep an eagle eye on all future applications and endeavour to get the best outcome for our community.</p> <p>The Better Bridge of Don was kicked off again in the summer, with a questionnaire posted on social media asking the community what they would like to see in the area. A great Christmas Event was hosted by St Columba’s, with 300 plus attending, with a fantast group of volunteers supporting the event. The Christmas Trail was launched at the event, which involved lots of different groups and organisation, fun for all the family.</p> <p>Community Council elections were in October, 3 of our colleagues decided to step down and we welcomed 3 new member, exciting times with new ideas and views. We are a passionate group of people, looking to do the best for our community. Thank you to everyone for all the time and effort given.</p> <p>Finally, this year there was some sad news as we lost a former colleague, Isobel Hunter. Isobel was a very dedicated long standing member of the community council and known by many.</p> <p>Karen Pratt</p>	
3.	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report –</b></p> <p><b>Total income 2021 was £7607.31</b>  Amount carried over £3900.31  Grants £2176.45</p>	

4.	<p>Donations for Flower Baskets &amp; Planters £1130.00  Big Christmas Light Switch On £400.55</p> <p><b>Total expenditure 2021 was £4501.64</b>  Flower Baskets and Planters £2306.03  Christmas Lights £658.99  Donations £450.00  Zoom, subscriptions, community events and expenses £667.62  Big Christmas Light Switch On £419.00</p> <p>Set aside for 2022 is £3105.67 as detailed on the accounts.</p> <p>I have included a spread sheet for expenses for “Big Christmas Lights Switch On” for information only, but these transactions are all included in the community council accounts.</p> <p>We were very successful with our fund raising for flower baskets and planters this year. I have submitted an application to the Coastal Communities Fund for a grant to cover these and should learn if successful later this month</p> <p>Accounts have been audited. If agreed, I will post to Community Council Liaison Officer</p> <p>Stella Adam</p> <p>Proposed – Jennie Miller  Seconded – Shelagh Melvin</p>	
	<b>Next A.G.M. – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2023</b>	